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a boron trifluoride initiator in such a ratio that the resulting copolymer comprises oxyethylene units as structural units in an amount of from 1.5 to 2.5 mol%, removing unconverted monomers, initiator residues and unstable end groups by dissolving and heating the resulting copolymer in a water/methanol/trioxane mixture, melting the polymer, mixing with additives and producing pellets therefrom, and injection molding said pellets to a shaped article.

14. The process as claimed in claim 13, wherein oxyethylene units as structural units in an amount of from 1.5 to 2.5 mol%, *D*

REMARKS

The present application has been carefully studied and amended in view of the outstanding Office action dated December 17, 2001 and reconsideration of that Action is requested in view of the following comments.

A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response together with the appropriate fee. Accordingly, the deadline for responding to the Office Action has been extended until February 20, 2003, and this response is therefore timely filed since it was deposited in the mail for First Class Delivery Service on the date certified on the front page hereof.

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Walling et al US 3,027,352 ("Walling"), Walker US 3,235,531, Kakos et al US 3,484,399 ("Kakos"), Wolters 3,743,614 ("Wolters") or Collart et al. 4,772,662 ("Collart"). The applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.